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SUBJ: MUCIA-MGU AND OHIO STATE-PUSHKIN INSTITUTE AGREE-
MENT

1. DR. LEON TWAROG OF OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S (OSU) CENTER FOR SLAVIC STUDIES HAS INFORMED US THAT HE AND THE UNIVERSITY'S ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS, GEORGE CREPEAU, WILL BE ARRIVING IN MOSCOW EVENING OF NOVEMBER 17 ON A JAL FLIGHT FROM PARIS TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT FOR 1977-79 WITH THE PUSHKIN INSTITUTE. TWAROG SAID HE HOPED TO ACHIEVE SOME EXPANSION IN THE EXCHANGES MOVING TO A SPRING AND FALL PROGRAM, BOTH OF THREE MONTHS DURATION, BY 1978. BY THAT TIME OSU WILL BE WORKING WITH UCLA AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER UNIVERSITY IN A CONSORTIUM RELATIONSHIP ON THE EXCHANGE.

2. TWAROG SAID HE HAD ALSO PROPOSED TO THE PUSHKIN INSTITUTE AN EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS IN LINGUISTICS, TO BEGIN IN 1977, INVOLVING ONE LECTURER EACH WAY FOR A QUARTER ACADEMIC TERM. HE SAID THAT AN EARLIER SUCH EFFORT PRODUCED THE REPLY FROM THE INSTITUTE THAT SUCH A
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PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE ROUTED THROUGH MHE. WE

EXPLAINED TO TWAROG THE BENEFITS OF INCLUDING PROVISION
FOR A LECTURER EXCHANGE IN THE OSU-PUSHKIN DIRECT

AGREEMENT AND POINTED OUT THE STRENGTHENED SUPPORT FOR
DIRECT EXCHANGES OF LECTURERS INCLUDED IN THE NEWLY-
NEGOTIATED EXCHANGES PROGRAM FOR 1977-79. HE INTENDS TO
PROPOSE A LECTURER EXCHANGE ONCE AGAIN, AND IS HOPEFUL
THE SOVIETS WILL ACCEPT IT IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER.

3. CREPEAU IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE MUCIA BOARD OF
DIRECTORS, AND WILL BE MEETING WITH MGU RECTOR KHOKHLOV
IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON AN MGU-
MUCIA DIRECT EXCHANGE OF FACULTY. THE ORIGINAL MUCIA
PROPOSAL, AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, WAS FOR AN EXCHANGE OF
TWO TO THREE FACULTY MEMBERS PER YEAR. TWAROG TELLS US,
HOWEVER, THAT CREPEAU GAINED THE IMPRESSION IN A CON-

VERSATION WITH MGU'S SIVACHEV WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS
THAT MGU MAY PROPOSE THAT THE EXCHANGE BE ENLARGED,
PERHAPS TO INCLUDE GRADUATE STUDENTS AS WELL. IT WOULD
APPEAR IN ANY CASE THAT PROSPECTS FOR A MGU-MUCIA AGREE-
MENT ARE NOW GOOD, AND TWAROG HOPES TO HAVE THE PROGRAM
FUNCTIONING BY AY 1977-78.

4. TWAROG AND CREPEAU WILL BE CONTACTING THE EMBASSY
UPON ARRIVAL. WE HAVE ASSURED THEM THAT THE EMBASSY
WILL BE WILLING, TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES,
TO ASSIST THEM IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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